

JOHN G. POWERS.

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Mr. BAKER, of Kansas, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2375.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, having considered the bill (S. 2375) granting an increase of pension to John G. Powers, refer to the following Senate report, and recommend the passage of the bill:

The soldier served in the Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, Company G, from August 15, 1862, until July 26, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He has been pensioned for disease of lungs and dyspepsia since 1877, the present rate being \$17. A claim for increase and rerating was rejected January 22, 1894. He filed another application July 20, 1894, for pensioned causes and resulting disease of respiratory organs, stomach, and digestive organs, liver, bowels, and kidney troubles, resulting in general debility. There is abundant evidence of origin, prior soundness, and continuance of the pensioned causes. The fact that he is pensioned now for those disabilities and has been pensioned for some time shows that he is entitled to a higher rate if his physical condition warrants.

In 1891, when examined by the local board, he is rated twelve-eighteenths for disease of heart. "Action of heart feeble and rapid, mitral regurgitation; area of cardiac dullness increased one-half; tenderness over region of heart. The lung trouble complained of we believe to be secondary to heart disease." The board gives no rate for dyspepsia, while in former examination he was rated twelve-eighteenths therefor.

In 1893 no rating is given, but heart trouble is described.

In September, 1894, the local board reported as follows:

"We find the tongue slightly coated. Abdominal viscera tender upon pressure, but more especially over region of stomach. No material enlargement of liver. The man complains of pain after eating and vomits at times. Posterior pharynx inflamed with some mucus patches. He evidently has bronchitis. Auscultation and percussion reveal area of cardiac dullness increased. Apex beat to the right and upward, impulse strong, with but one single sound and regurgitancy. Circulation quick and labored. He complains of pain at the neck of the bladder. There is also enlargement at the point of the prostate gland and a frequent desire to urinate."

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

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